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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Response to June 16, 2003 Office Action (7 pages.);
- 2. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R §1.132 (Xiaojia Guo) (18 pages);
- 3. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R §1.132 (Seth Ettenberg) (4 pages);
- 4. Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
- 5. Check No. 17527 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover extension fee;
- 6. Notice of Appeal (1 page);
- 7. Check No. 17541 in the amount of \$165.00 to cover the fee for the Notice of Appeal; and
- 8. Return postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No.15966-697 (CURA-197). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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